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REF: (A) SIERRA LEONE 2071; (B) STATE A-2527

1. AS PART OF THE FOLLOW-UP ON THE MODE FY 76 REVIEW OF OVERSEAS STAFFING, WE HAVE FORWARDED YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON USIS, AS SPECIFIED IN REF. (A), TO THE CONCERNED AGENCY INVITING REACTIONS.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM USIA. BEGIN
QUOTE: WE HAVE GIVEN THOROUGH CONSIDERATION TO THE AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A SECOND AMERICAN POSITION. WE ALSO HAVE REVIEWED THE 1974 USIA INSPECTION OF USIS SIERRA LEONE, WHICH RECOMMENDED ABOLISHING THE THEN-EXISTING SECOND AMERICAN SLOT. THAT RECOMMENDATION WAS ACCEPTED BY OUR AREA OFFICE AS WELL AS THE THE; CHIEF OF MISSION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER. AFTER A THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF THE SIERRA LEONE PROGRAM OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, WE REGRET-

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FULLY CONCLUDE ASSIGNMENT OF A SECOND OFFICER IS NOT

ADVISABLE AT THIS TIME. END QUOTE.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL VIEWS OR SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE CONCERNING USIA'S COMMENTS ASAP. BUREAU PLANS TO SUBMIT SUCH UNRESOLVED ISSUES BY NOVEMBER 30 FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER ACTION BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PURSUANT TO MODE GUIDELINES, C.5.C. ROBINSON

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